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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

The treatment that Microsoft has received from the government is undeserved, and it is time that it ends. Luckily, a resolution has been reached; with its adoption, the years of litigation can once and for all be resolved. The resolution to which I refer is the one reached in November after years of hard fought legal battles. The terms of this settlement are ones that are beneficial to all the people involved and still keep competition within this market. The terms include a groundbreaking provision that requires Microsoft to disclose crucial interfacing information to computer manufacturers. It further stipulates that Microsoft cannot retaliate against computer makers who do not promote their software or promote a competitor's software instead. This is a resolution that preserves the spirit of a free market and still offers protection for the little guy. Well, folks, it doesn't get any better than this. More litigation could only complicate the issue, and it could only waste more time and resources. Therefore, the last thing we need is more litigation. I implore you to let the current agreement be the end of this situation. The resolution truly is the best that can be done.

Sincerely,

Rocky Burrous